

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A pillow comprising:
2 A pillow body having a midsection and a pair of ends, wherein the pillow
3 body is curved and has an average radius of curvature in the range from about 6 inches to
4 about 16 inches, wherein the pillow has a length from one end to the other end in the range
5 from about 21 inches to about 42 inches, and wherein the pillow body is both firm and
6 flexible to permit the pillow body to be wrapped about a user.
- 1 2. A pillow as in claim 1, wherein the pillow body comprises a fill
2 material that is stuffed within an outer cover.
- 1 3. A pillow as in claim 2, wherein the fill material comprises polyester
2 fibers, and wherein the outer cover comprises a cotton fabric.
- 1 4. A pillow as in claim 1, wherein the ends of the pillow body are
2 rounded.
- 1 5. A pillow as n claim 1, wherein the midsection of the pillow body has
2 an average width in the range from about 5 inches to about 10 inches and an average height in
3 the range from about 4 inches to about 9 inches.
- 1 6. A pillow as in claim 1, wherein the ends have an average width in the
2 range from about 3 inches to about 10 inches and an average height in the range from about 1
3 inch to about 9 inches.
- 1 7. A pillow as in claim 1, wherein the ends are spaced apart from each
2 other in the range from about 14 inches to about 28 inches.
- 1 8. A pillow as in claim 1, wherein the pillow body comprises an
2 inflatable bladder.
- 1 9. A pillow as in claim 1, further comprising a removable slip cover that
2 is configured to fit over and closely conform to the shape of the pillow body.
- 1 10. A pillow as in claim 9, wherein the slip cover includes an opening and
2 a fastener to close the opening.

1 11. A method for supporting an item, comprising:
2 providing a pillow comprising a pillow body having a midsection and a pair of
3 ends, wherein the pillow body is curved and has an average radius of curvature in the range
4 from about 6 inches to about 16 inches, wherein the pillow has a length from one end to the
5 other end in the range from about 21 inches to about 42 inches, and wherein the pillow body
6 is both firm and flexible to permit the pillow body to be wrapped about a user;
7 placing the pillow onto a lap of a user who is sitting down, with the midsection
8 being adjacent the user's stomach and with the ends extending around the user's sides; and
9 supporting an item using the pillow.

1 12. A method as in claim 11, wherein the item comprises a baby, and
2 further comprising feeding the baby while being supported by the pillow.

1 13. A method as in claim 12, further comprising nursing the baby while
2 being supported by the pillow.

1 14. A method as in claim 11, wherein the item comprises a book, and
2 further comprising reading the book.

1 15. A method as in claim 11, wherein the user is sitting in a chair having a
2 pair of arms, and further comprising adjusting the pillow so that the ends are positioned
3 between the arms of the chair and the user's sides.

1 16. A method as in claim 11, wherein the pillow body comprises a fill
2 material that is stuffed within an outer cover.

1 17. A method as in claim 16, wherein the fill material comprises polyester
2 fibers, and wherein the outer cover comprises a cotton fabric.

1 18. A method as in claim 11, wherein the ends of the pillow body are
2 rounded.

1 19. A method as in claim 11, wherein the midsection of the pillow body
2 has an average width in the range from about 5 inches to about 10 inches and an average
3 height in the range from about 4 inches to about 9 inches.

1 20. A method as in claim 11, wherein the ends have an average width in
2 the range from about 3 inches to about 10 inches and an average height in the range from
3 about 1 inch to about 9 inches.

1 21. A method as in claim 11, wherein the ends are spaced apart from each
2 other in the range from about 14 inches to about 28 inches.

1 22. A method as in claim 11, wherein the pillow body comprises an
2 inflatable bladder, and further comprising inflating the bladder.

1 23. A method as in claim 11, further comprising a removable slip cover
2 that is configured to fit over and closely conform to the shape of the pillow body, and further
3 comprising placing the slip cover over the pillow body.